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Recruiting by CIA draws fire

Nearly 200 held after Colo. rally

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BOULDER, Colo. — Police arrested nearly 200 demonstrators Monday in the latest wave of protests against CIA recruiting on campus.

Students have demonstrated at 25 campuses this fall, and organizers plan 25 more protests by spring semester, compared with 23 all last year.

Reason: Students think the agency is operating illegally in Central America.

"Every time they come back, we plan to protest," said Yale organizer Al Minski.

University of Colorado orga-



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OPPOSITION: Boulder protesters wanted to make citizens arrests, but were arrested themselves.

nizer Kevin Harris said publicity about CIA protests spurs others. Students "hear about them and they say, 'We can do that, too.'"

The agency says the non-violent protests haven't affected recruiting. Spokeswoman Patti Volz said student interest is ahead of last year, when

150,000 sought CIA jobs.

"We're having no trouble whatsoever filling our ranks with very capable people," Volz said.